



Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2005
Host: General Services Administration, Auburn, WA
Mount Si Conference Room

Introductions and Welcome
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Patrick Clark, Director of Property Development at GSA Region 10, opened the meeting with a welcome on behalf of GSA and remarks about the importance of the work we're doing and the value of energy efficiency, the LEED rating system, and operations and maintenance of Federal properties.

On behalf of Michele Wright and the Federal Facilities Program, Barbara Lither recognized two of the recipients of EPA Region 10's Champions for Environmental Leadership & Green Government who were present at the meeting. While the formal certificates were handed out on April 22, 2005 to Navy Region NW for their sustainability program, and GSA, Region 10, for their photovoltaic project and green power purchases, Barbara brought some small mementoes for the recipients to further recognize their good work.

1. Summary of federal Earth Day events; what we learned for next year.

Five Earth Day events were highlighted.

- The Westlake event, sponsored by King County, was a big hit and hundreds of people in attendance. Several FEB agencies shared tent space with EPA Region 10 and had a prominent location. We displayed the new FEB banner with the logo "Collaborating for Effective Government since 1961". There was good public participation and a lot of information was exchanged on federal environmental practices.

- Federal Aviation Administration had a 'Swap Meet' in which over 11,000 supplies were transferred, representing nearly \$14,000 in savings! This was obviously a big success and FAA plans to do this again next year.
- US Army Corps of Engineers had a large Earth Day Exposition in which 15 vendors participated including: Ft. Lewis DPW, Seattle City Light, Puget Sound Action Team, Seattle Parks, Cascade Recycling, King County, Seattle Audubon, Washington Water Trails Association and others. Colonel Lewis provided the opening speech in which she outlined the role of the corps and the federal government in promoting sustainable practices and behaviors. Two well-attended work parties were also organized for the following day at the Urban Horticulture Center and Hamm Creek.
- GSA had an earth day booth in their cafeteria with a drawing for CFL's that generated much attention.
- National Park Service had three days of events for their "Earth Week" with guest speakers such as Brenda Peterson on ocean conservancy; an Environmental Issues and Trade Panel, and; a Washington State Farmworkers' Perspective on Environment and Agriculture Panel. They also have a "Sustainability Tip of the Month" sent out to all employees. Other agencies agreed that this was a great idea and NPS will share their file with us.
 - **Lessons Learned**
 - With more lead time, we can generate a larger federal presence next year. Possible that the interagency event takes place on Earth Day while individual agency events take place on other days that week so as not to overlap and stress resources.
 - Have multiple day events with multiple agencies under the purview of the FEB.
 - Handout more useful information like tips of the month on a small calendar
 - More event advertising within agencies and the public.

2. Upcoming events, workshops, items of interest

- The **Federal Network for Sustainability meeting** in San Francisco, CA, June 1-2, 2005 – <http://www.federalsustainability.org>
- **Utility Energy Services workshop**, Seattle, WA, June 8-9, 2005 – http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/services/training_uesc_projects.cfm
- **Energy 2005** Conference and Expo, Long Beach, CA, August 14-17, 2005, <http://www.energy2005.ee.doe.gov/>
- **Design Strategies for Low-Energy, Sustainable, Secure Buildings** training, Long Beach, CA, August 17-19, 2005, http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/services/training_low_energy.cfm
- The **USPS** is striving to attain ISO 14001 Certification.
- **LEED Existing Building Technical Review Workshop** for building owners, facility managers, and design teams. Reviews technical requirements and process for achieving certification under the new LEED-EB. Monday, June 6th at the Urban Horticulture Center. <http://www.usgbc.org/Docs/News/News1502.pdf>

3. GSA Strategic Energy Management Plan - Cheri Sayer, GSA

GSA Public Buildings Service in Region 10 was the first GSA Region to develop a Strategic Energy Management Plan (SEMP) to provide a roadmap over the next few years for continuing to improve energy efficiency, conserve water, utilize renewable energy, and provide leadership in use of new technologies in GSA buildings. Cheri talked about the many benefits of developing a SEM and provided handouts to the group. The full presentation will be available on the IELC website soon.

4. Committee Strategic Planning for FY 2005-2006- Roundtable Discussion

Reviewed 2004 activities/2005 completed activities and discussed ideas for the rest of 2005 and 2006. In general, the conversation explored how this group could more effectively collaborate on joint ventures to fulfill federal agency objectives for mandated executive orders and provide mutual cost savings, for example, bulk buying of 100% post consumer recycled chlorine free paper, or 'green' power. Administrative changes were not discussed.

Ideas for discussion in 2006:

- Discussed the need to better integrate sustainability into agency strategic planning. The IELC can be a resource for the strategic planning groups.
- Possible survey to FEB leaders for specific agency interests to guide the IELC.
- Sponsor or co-sponsor speakers to meet multi-agency interests.
- Suggest teaming with other FEB committees such as Acquisition/Procurement to improve services that promote sustainability. For example, the IELC and A/P teams could form an alliance that could help agencies better implement 'green'/EPP. This teaming could focus on specific topics such as purchasing sustainable electronic items which is of importance to most agencies according to our previous survey.
- Work with Society of Government Meeting Planners to model 'green' meetings such as the SFEB retreat and other meetings.
- Work through FEB to recognize leaders in sustainability with some type of recognition.
- Identify a 'Fleet' sub-committee to identify and coordinate agency needs with regards to all fleet issues. Could coordinate EPA Voluntary Stewardship Programs such as Performance Track, West Coast Collaborative, and Smartway and determine the best way for agencies to move forward with EO 13149.
- Consider adding the National Historic Preservation Act and cultural sustainability-Section 106 meeting topic.
- Green Power Purchasing- Consolidation of a 2006 green power purchase for GSA Seattle buildings. IELC sub-team to encourage a "bulk" purchase with GSA and other agencies to tap in to SCL program for better pricing.
- Expand the audience for our meetings both within and among agencies.
- Determine what we need to keep our IELC website updated.
- Earth Day 2006- continue our commitment to hosting this event.
- Promote the Federal Network for Sustainability "regional" concept to more local, community groups such as FEBs.
- Consider a name change to Interagency *Sustainability* Leadership Committee (ISLC). This would assure that we are including sustainability into our planning and implementation of environmental activities.

**Please Mark Your
Calendars for upcoming
meeting dates and
times:**

**June 30, 2005
Hosted by Navy Region
NW, at new Bremerton**

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